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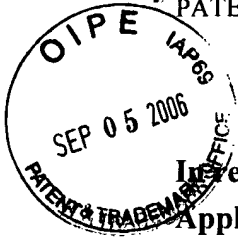
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE AND
ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Responsive to the Examiner's stated "Reasons for Allowance" accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed May 31, 2006, and statement of "Allowable Subject Matter" in the Office action mailed September 8, 2005, the Applicants comment as follows.

The Applicants agree that claims 1-7, 9-13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21-30 and 42-71 are allowable over the prior art of record. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterizations of the prior art of record, however. Moreover, to the extent the Examiner's statements of "Reasons for Allowance" and "Allowable Subject Matter" attribute to claims language not identically appearing in the claims, the Applicants note that the claims are not limited by such language. Rather, the actual language of the claims speaks for itself.

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